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seum. Another, and one of the most valuable accessions, is a series of mammals, birds, fishes and reptiles collected in Somali-land by Dr. A. Donaldson Smith on his expedition through that country.

Valuable collections of birds, mollusks and plants were likewise obtained for the Academy by Mr. George Russell in British Guiana. Another important addition is the collection of marine invertebrates prepared in formaline by our preparateur, Mr. F. W. Walmsley. Many other donations have been received, special mention of which will be found in the appended list of accessions, including a number of rare specimens from the Zoological Society of Philadelphia.

The various collections under the care of special conservators have received careful attention during the year, and to the gentlemen who have rendered this important service the Curators would express their indebtedness—to Messrs. Thomas Meehan and Stewardson Brown of the Botanical Section; Dr. Henry Skinner of the Entomological Section, and William W. Jefferis, Curator of the Wm. S. Vaux Collections.

Valuable assistance has also been rendered in various departments of the museum by the students of the Jessup Fund: Miss Helen Higgins, Miss Jennie Letson, Messrs. H. W. Fowler, William J. Gerhard, E. G. Vanatta and S. H. Hamilton.

HENRY C. CHAPMAN,
Chairman of the Curators.

REPORT OF THE BIOLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

The Section has held the usual number of meetings during the past year, and the attendance has been up to the average.

Communications pertaining to the subject of the Section, have been made at each meeting and usually specimens have been exhibited under the microscope. The cabinet has been enriched by 158 botanical slides, principally fungi, belonging to the late Dr. Rex and presented by his sister through Mr. Wingate.

The microscope of the late Dr. Wm. Hunt, and forty slides, were given by his widow.

A room on the second floor of the Academy has been fitted up by the Section and will soon be ready for occupancy. Aquariums

and work tables will be at the disposal of the members, and it is hoped will be used for scientific investigation.

The officers of the Section are as follows:—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	J. Cheston Morris, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	John C. Wilson.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	Chas. P. Perot.
<i>Conservator,</i>	F. J. Keely.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	John G. Rothermel.
<i>Recorder,</i>	M. V. Ball.

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REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The arrangement of the conchological collection remains substantially as reported last year, want of space preventing the progress of the systematic rearrangement in the exhibition cases of the families of mollusks studied and relabelled during the year, in connection with the monographic work in the Manual of Conchology. The remainder of the Tectibranch gastropods, including the *Aplysiidæ*, *Pleurobranchidæ* and *Umbraculidæ*, and of the land mollusks a considerable part of the *Bulimulidæ*, have been revised and prepared for arrangement in the cases. The genus *Cerion* has been studied by Mr. Vanatta and the Conservator, and the collection relabelled and arranged according to a complete catalogue of the species published in the Proceedings of the Academy. It is gratifying to state that out of seventy described species of *Cerion* we are in possession of all but seven, and have extensive series of most of the species.

A portion of the American Slugs have been studied, and large additions to the collection made; partial results being given in a paper published by the Academy, the greater part of this work being due to Mr. Vanatta's industry.

A considerable collection of mollusks from Uruguay and adjacent regions has been received from Dr. Wm. H. Rush, U. S. N., comprising many species new to the collection, and about twenty new to science.

A valuable collection of Alaskan mollusks, made by Dr. Benj. Sharp, has been presented to the Academy, but not yet wholly determined. The remainder of Prof. Heilprin's Bermuda collection has been placed in the cases, and with what we already had, forms